

HIS
MAJESTIES
MESSAGE

To the *HOUSE* of
COMMONS,
Concerning an *ORDER* made by
Them, for the borrowing of one Hundred
Thousand Pounds of the Adventurers money
for *IRELAND*.

Together with the
ANSWER
OF THE
COMMONS Assembled
in *Parliament* thereunto.

Ordered by the Commons in *Parliament*, that this Message
and Answer, be forthwith Printed and published.

Hen. El ynge. Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

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His Majesties
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His Majesty taking notice of an Order lately made by the House of Commons, whereby that House hath unduly assumed to themselves, Authority to Order, direct and dispose of one hundred thousand pounds, part of those monies, which the Adventurers, for the reducing of the Rebels of Ireland, have paid to that end onely to that purpose, to other uses and intents, contrary to the expresse words of the Act of Parliament concerning the same, wherein it is enacted, That no part of the Money which should be paid in according to that Act, shall be imploy-

ployed to any other purpose, then the reducing of those Rebels, untill they shall be declared to be subdued, Out of His Piety and Princely care for the conferring and re-establishment of Gods true Religion in that His Kingdome of Ireland, for the reliefe of His distressed Subje^{ts} there, for the suppressing of that horrid and bloody Rebellion, for the supply and payment of His Armies there now in great want and necessity, doth strictly require the House of Commons, as they will answer the contrary to Almighty God, His Majestie, and those that have trusted them, That they immediately retract, that mischievous, illegal and unjust Order; wherein His Majesty expecteth their speedy Answer and Obedience; and the rather, that He may thereby be secured, that such part of the foure hundred thousand pounds, as is or shall be collected from His good Subjects of England, by vertue of the late Act of Parliament, whereby the same is granted, may not likewise (under false pretences) be diverted from it's proper use, for which it was intended and misimployed to the disturbance of the Peace of this Kingdome in a warre against His sacred Majesty.

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Of the House of
COMMONS
To His MAIESTIES
MESSAGE of the 13. of Aug. 1642.



He House of *Commons* having received a Message from His Majesty of the 13. of *August* last, whereby they are required to retract an Order made by them for the borrowing of one hundred thousand pounds of the Adventurers money for *Ireland*, supposing that Order very prejudiciall to the affaires of *Ireland*, and contrary to an Act of Parliament, made this present Sessions, doe in the first place declare that the directions given by His Majesty for the retracting of this Order, is an high breach of Priviledge of PARLIAMENT. And that they cannot

not without a deepe sence of sorrow call to minde, how Popish and Prelaticall Councells, did so farre prevaile with his Majesty, that two Armies were brought within the bowells of this Kingdome, and two Protestant Nations ready to welter in each others blood, that when both those Armies had bin a long time defrayed at the charge of the poore Commons of *England*, and at length by Gods blessing upon the endeavours of the PARLIAMENT, quietly disbanded; the same wicked Councells (prevented of that designe) did soone after raise this bloody and barbarous Rebellion in *Ireland*, the suppressing whereof, (for the better colour) was recommended to the care of the Parliament, who out of a fellow-feeling of the unspeakable miseries of their Protestant Bretheren there, (not suspecting this horrid plot now too apparent) did cheerefully undertake that great Worke, and doe really intend and endeavour, to settle the Protestant Religion, and a permanent peace in that Realme, to the glory of God, and the great honour and profit of his Majestie, and security of his three Kingdomes. But how they have beene discouraged, retarded and diverted, in and from this pious and glorious worke, by those Traiterous Councells about his Majesty, will appeare by many particulars; some whereof, they shall upon this just occasion call to remembrance. That when the Lords and Commons, had upon the first breaking out of the Rebellion, immediately provided and sent over Twenty thousand pounds, and engaged themselves and the whole Kingdome for the reducing of the Rebels, Yet his Majesty after his returne from *Scotland*

land to London, was not pleased either by Word or Message to take notice of that, untill after some in the House of Commons, had truly observed how forward those mischievous Councillors were to incite his Majesty against his Protestant Subjects of Scotland, and how slow to recent the proceedings of his Papist Traytors in Ireland: That although the Rebels had most impudently stiled themselves the *Queenes Army*, and profest that the cause of their rising, was to maintaine the Kings Prerogative, and the *Queenes Religion*, against the Puritan Parliament of *England*, And that thereupon both Houses of Parliament did humbly and earnestly advise his Majesty, to wipe away this dangerous Scandall, by Proclayming them Rebels and Traytors to his Majesty and the Crowne of *England*, which then would have mated and weakned the Conspirators in the beginning, and have encouraged both the Parliament here, and good people there, the more vigorously to have opposed their proceedings, Yet such was the power of those Councillors, that no Proclamation was set forth to that purpose, till almost three Moneths after the breaking out of this Rebellion, and then Command given, that but forty should be Printed, nor they to be published till further directions should be given by his Majesty. That after both Houses of Parliament had found out a probable way to reduce the Kingdome of *Ireland*, by the Adventure of private men, without any charge to the Subject in generall, and which they are very confident would have brought in a Million of Money, had his Majesty continued in or neare *London*; those malicious Whisperers that durst not hinder the passing of the Bill, which was so specious

cious in it selfe, and so generally approved; yea have by practice, by drawing his Majesty from his Parliament, by keeping him at this distance, and advising him to make warre upon his people, so intimidated and discouraged the Adventurers and others that would have adventured, that they have rendered that good Bill, in a manner ineffectuall. That the Parliament and Adventurers, had long since designed 5000. Foote, and 500. Horse, for the reliefe of *Munster*, to be sent as a Brigade, under the Command of the Lord *Wharton*, had made Choice of, and Lifted all the Commanders, and prepared Money, Armes and other provision for that Expedition, and all to be at the charge of the Adventurers, and when nothing was wanting but a Commission to the Lord *Wharton*, to enable him for that service; such was the power of those Councillors, that no Commission could be obteyned from his Majesty, by reason whereof *Lymerick* was wholly lost, and the Province of *Munster* is now in very great distresse.

That when divers pious and well affected Persons, had prepared 12. Shipps, and 6. Pinnaces, with a 1000. or more Land forces at their own Charge, by way of Adventure for the service of *Ireland*, and desired nothing but a Commission from his Majesty, to enable them thereunto. That Commission after twice sending to *Yorke* for the same, and the Shipps lying ready to set sayle for three weekes together, at the Charge of neere Three hundred pounds a day, was likewise denyed, and those Adventurers (rather then to lose their expedition) were constrained to goe, by vertue of an Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament,

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That although the Lords Iustices of *Ireland* have three moneths since earnestly desired to have two peeces of battery sent over, as very necessarie for that service, yet such Commands are given to the Officers of the Tower that none of his Majesties Ordnance must bee sent to save his Majesties Kingdome, That although, whilest the Earle of *Leicester* stayed here in the service of the Parliament and in providing for his long expected voyage into *Ireland*, a Message was sent to the Parliament from his Majestie to hasten him away, and Letters were written to the said Earle from his Majestie, that he should make no stay at *Yorke* for his dispatch, but that his instructions should be ready for him against he came. And although it is notoriously knowne, that the affaires of *Ireland* doe exceedingly suffer by wanting the personall assistance of a Commander in Chiefe, to give both life and motion to the Army there; Yet the said Earle hath been stayed with his Majestie in the North a moneth and more, and as yet can get no dispatch; That notwithstanding the bleeding condition of *Ireland*, yet divers Commanders and Officers in pay, and in actuall employment there against the Rebels, have beene called away from that important service by the expresse Command of his Majestie, as *Charles Floyd* Engineer, and Quarter-master generall of the Army in *Ireland*, and divers others. That Captaine *Greene* Comptroller of the Artillery, a man in pay, and principally employed and trusted hereby the said Lievtenant of *Ireland*, for the providing and ordering the trayne of

Artillery which was to be sent to *Dublin*, and who had received great summes of money for that purpose was commanded from that imployment and trust to serve his Majestie in this most unnaturall Warre against his loyall and best affected people. That the Parliament having made great provision of clothes for the poore Souldiers in *Ireland* for their present succour, and sending sixe hundred suites, part thereof towards *Chester* the last weeke, the man that undertooke the carriage of them one *William Whitacker* by name, was assaulted by his Majesties Cavaliers then lying about *Coventry*, who tooke away those six hundred suites of clothes, and the Waggon and Horses of the poore man, although they were told that the sixe hundred suites of clothes were for the Souldiers in *Ireland*, and notwithstanding the poore Carrier was five times with the Earle of *Norhampton* to begge a release of his Waggon. That three hundred suites of clothes with a Chirurgeons Chest of Medicaments being likewise sent for *Ireland* by one *Richard Onefield*, who was employed by the Parliament to carry them to *Chester*, a Troope of his Majesties Cavaliers under the command of one Captaine Middleton met with them upon the rode, and tooke away the clothes and Chirurgeons Chest, together with the poore Carriers horses and Waggon for his Majesties pretended service here. That a great number of Draught-horses prepared by the Parliament for the Artillery, and baggage of the Irish Army were sent to *Chester* for that purpose, and being there attending a

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passage, are now required by his Majesty, for his said present service in *England*.

That his Majesties Forces are so quartered in and about the common Rodes to *Ireland*, that neither money, clothes, victuals, or other provisions can passe thither by Land with any safety. That Captaine *Keeleby* the Admirall, and Sir *Henry Stradling* the Vice-Admirall of those Ships which were directed to lye upon the Coast of *Ireland*, to annoy the Rebels, and to prevent the bringing to them Ammunition and reliefe from forraigne parts, are both called away from that imployment by his Majesties Command, and by reason of their departure from the Coast of *Munster*, to which they were designed, the Rebels there have received Powder, Ammunition, and other reliefe from forraigne parts, by which and many other particulars too long to relate, it may seeme, as if those Barbarous Irish Rebels are kept on foot, and countenanced there of Designe to assist the Northerne Cavaliers, and according to the Earle of *Straffords* unheard of advice to have an Army in *Ireland*, with which his Majesty may reduce this Kingdome, especially considering those confident Rebels have presumed very lately to send a Petition to his Majestie, intituling themselves his Majesties Catholique Subjects of *Ireland*, and complaining of the Puritan Parliament of *England*, and desiring that since his Majesty comes not thither according to their expectation, that they may come into *England* to his Majesty, which Petition we may justly feare, is but a Prologue

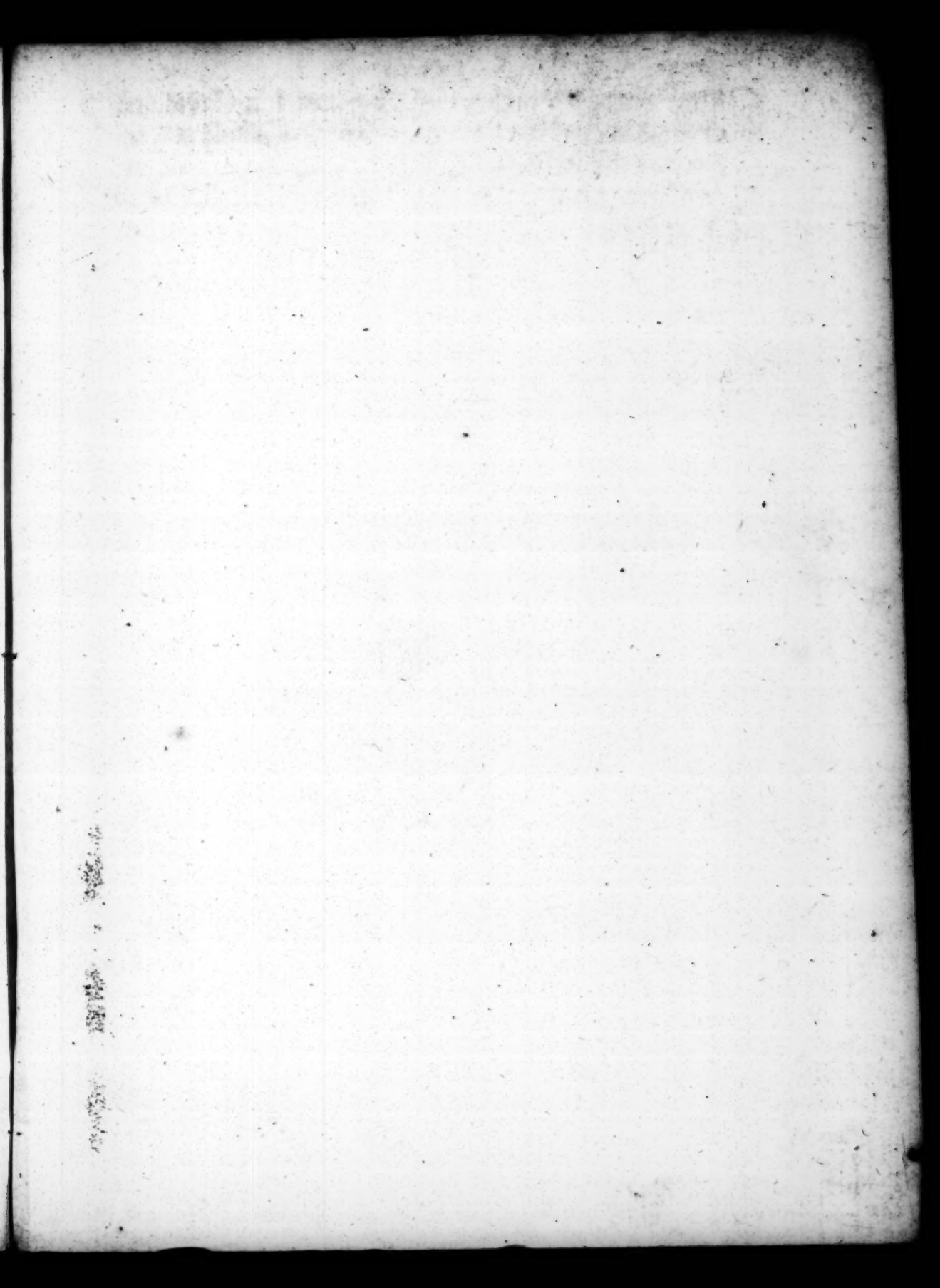
to that tragedie they have designed to Act here, in case their coming over be not prevented by the care & vigilancie of the Parliament, & good people of *England*. But least the House of Commons might seeme to excuse the making of this Order by a way of recrimination, They for a satisfaction to the VVorld, protest before Almighty God the Searcher of all hearts, that they have as great compassion and sorrow for the present sufferings of their distressed Brethren in *Ireland*, as if themselves were in their case. (into which they are confident, those horrid Traitors, those Monsters of men about his Majesty doe labour to bring this Kingdome) That they have and shall ever really endeavour by all means possible (with a due regard to the present estate of this Kingdome) to supply and support them in this their great affliction notwithstanding the malice and obstructions of all opposers. That the House of Commons lively apprehending the imminent danger of this Kingdom, & finding that whilest they were active here to subdue the Rebels of *Ireland*, there were Papists, Traitors and Delinquents more active in the North to conquer and destroy the Parliament and good people of *England*, thought it necessary to provide for the safety of both by preparing a competent Army for the defence of King and Kingdom, & although multitudes of welaffected persons had cheerfully brought in great store of plate for that purpose, yet in regard the plate could not be coyned with such expedition, as the importance of the service did require, and well knowing that one hundred

ered thousand pounds might for a short time be borrowed out of the Adventurers money for *Ireland*, without any prejudice to the Affairs of that Kingdom (whose subsistence depends upon the welfare of this) and resolving to make a reall, and speedy repayment of what money should be so borrowed did make this Order which that it may appeare to all the World to be neither mischievous, illegall, nor unjust (as his Majesty, by the instigation of those malignant VWhispers is pleased to terme it) the house of Commons thought fit to recite it in *hac verba*, and instead of retracting the Order to repay the money with all possible speed.

The thirtieth day of *July*, one thousand six hundred forty two; It is this day ordered by the Commons Houle of Parliament, that the Treasurers appointed to receive the Moneys come in upon the Subscriptions for *Ireland*, doe forthwith furnish by way of loan, unto the Committee of the Lords and Commons, for the defence of the Kingdome, the summe of one hundred thousand pounds for the supply of the publick necessity for the defence of the King, Parliament, and Kingdom upon the publick faith to be repaid duly and carefully within so short a time, that it shall not be diverted from the purpose, for which it was intended, or any way frustrate the Acts already made in the behalf of that Adventure. By which order, and that which hath been here truly set down, it will easily appear to all the indifferent people of his Majesties three
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Kingdoms; VVhether the King and his Cavaliers,
or the King and his Parliament do most affect and en-
deavour the settling of true Religion, and a firme and
constant peace within that bleeding and distracted
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